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SUBJ: EMBARGO STATUS OF VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA

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1. THE CHAIRMAN ON APRIL 4TH IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION EXPRESSED TO US DEL HIS DESIRE FOR UNIFORM TREATMENT OF VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA. HE PLANS TO WRITE ALL DELEGATIONS BILATERALLY CALLING ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT WHILE THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HAS NOW EXTENDED ITS TERRITORY TO INCLUDE SOUTH VIETNAM, THIS IMPLIES NO CHANGE IN ITS EMBARGO STATUS, I.E. THE ENTIRE COUNTRY IS PROSCRIBED. IN VIEW OF THE US STATEMENT IN REFERENCE A, OUR POSITION WAS PERFECTLY CLEAR, AND HE BELIEVED THAT ALL OTHER DELEGATIONS WOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY IN AGREEING. (US DEL COMMENT: THIS IS NOT CERTAIN WITH RESPECT TO JAPAN.)

2. SITUATION IS MORE COMPLICATED REGARDING CAMBODIA. HE PLANS TO RAISE THIS QUESTION ORALLY WITH OTHER DELS AND SEEK THEIR REACTION. BOTH HE AND US DEL FEEL IT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY OR ADVISABLE TO RAISE THE QUESTION
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OF CAMBODIA IN COMMITTEE NOW. HOWEVER, HE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING WASHINGTON'S VIEWS.

3. REQUEST YOUR VIEWS ON ADVISABILITY OF RAISING THE STATUS OF CAMBODIA IN THE COMMITTEE. THE CASE OF CAMBODIA MAY BE MORE DIFFICULT THAN THAT OF VIETNAM SINCE NOT ALL COCOM MEMBERS MAY REGARD IT AS PROS-

CRIBED. MOREOVER, CAMBODIA HAS VERY LIMITED CONTACTS
WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD AT PRESENT. US DEL BELIEVES BEST
WAY TO PROCEED WOULD BE TO AWAIT RESULTS OF CHAIRMAN'S
CONVERSATIONS AND THEN MAKE JUDGMENT AS TO APPROPRIATE-
NESS OF RAISING THE MATTER IN COMMITTEE. WILL REPORT.
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